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SUMMARY: COMMITTEE COMPLETES REVIEW OF 1975 BUDGET PROPOSALS,  
DISCUSSES ITS OWN ELIMINATION, QUESTIONS METHOD OF PRESENTING  
EXTRA BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND CONSIDERS POSSIBLE REVIEW OF  
PUBLICATIONS.

1. COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED RUN THROUGH ON 1975 BUDGET AND ENDED  
WITH PROPOSAL FROM ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE THAT IN VIEW OF PROGRAM  
BUDGET WHA AND EXBD SHOULD CONSIDER ABOLISHING STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON GROUNDS THAT ITS WORK COULD BE ABSORBED BY EXBD, PERHAPS WITH  
ADDITIONAL TWO OR THREE DAYS ADDED TO SESSION OF LATTER. PROPOSAL  
WAS GENERALLY ENDORSED BY DG AND BY UK, NEW ZEALAND AND INDONESIA, THE HREE LATTER SPEAKERS BEING OF OPINION THAT  
EXBD COULD FULFILL

STANDING COMMITTEE'S ROLE WITHOUT ANY ADDITION TO ITS USUAL SESSION

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OF TEN WORKING DAYS. IN CONVERSATION WITH UK REP AFTER MEETING

MISOFF WAS ADVISED THAT UK MIGHT CONSIDER REPLACING STANDING COMMITTEE WITH A REVIEW AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD MEET TOWARD END OF YEAR.

2. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION IN STANDING COMMITTEE, UK REP RAISED QUESTION \*ADE EARLIER BY US AT GENEVA GROUP SESSION WITH ADG FURT\* (REFTEL) I.E. WHY WHO REQUIRED AS MUCH AS \$2.4 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR 1974 TO MEET COSTS OF FOLD-IN OF FIVE POST ADJUSTMENT CLASSES WHEN ILO APPEARED ABLE TO MEET SAME COSTS WITH ONLY \$700,000 ADDITIONAL FOR TWO YEAR\*PERIOD 1974/1975. FURTH'S RESPONSE TO STANDING COMMITTEE WAS THAT WIDE DISPARITY OF COST STEMS FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ILO AND WHO STAFF IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, RATIO OF MARRIED TO SINGLE OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF FIELD VS HQ STAFF PLUS FACT THAT WHO DID NOT APPLY MINUS POST ADJUSTMENTS IN LOW COST AREAS. THIS WAS NOT FOUND ENTIRELY CONVINCING BY SOME MEMBERS.

3. A NUMBER OF REPS INCLUDING FRG AND UK EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FACT THAT EXTRA BUDGETARY INCOME DID NOT FULLY REPRESENT EXPECTATIONS IN THIS FIELD. NOTING THE SHARP DECLINE IN EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES PROJECTED FOR 1975 AS COMPARED WITH 1974 AND WITH 1973, FURTH STATED THAT PROJECTION REPRESENTED ONLY THOSE RESOURCES THE AVAILABILITIES OF WHICH WAS RELATIVELY ASSURED AND CITED THE UNCERTAINTIES WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAM APPROVALS BY UNDP AND OTHER AGENCIES AS INHIBITING MORE OPTIMISTIC PROJECTIONS. MEMBERS WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS AND UK SUGGESTED THAT IN FUTURE BUDGET SHOULD SHOW BOTH ASSURED LEVEL AND THE HOPED-FOR LEVEL OF SUCH AVAILABILITIE FURTH \*NDICATED THIS DIFFICULT BECAUSE DONOR ORGANIZATIONS OR COUNTRIES MIGHT FEEL THAT WHO AND WHA APPLYING PRESSURE3ON THEM. HE PROPOSED COMPROMISE WHEREBY SECRETARIAT WOULD PROVIDE SEPARATE PAPER ON EXTRA BUDGETARY FUNDS AS WELL AS KEEPING ASSURED LEVEL OF SUCH FUNDS IN THE BUDGET ON THE SAME BASIS AS THEY ARE IN THE 1975 BUDGET. CLEARLY THIS MATTE\* REQUIRES FURTHER ATTENTION AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE MANGER-KOENIG HAS SUGGESTED TO MISOFF A MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP IN EVENING OF JANUARY 15TH TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA THIS SITUATION. MANGER-KOENIG EXPRESSED STRONG DISSATISFACTION AT BEING ASKED TO APPROVE PROGRAM WITHOUT MORE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF ANTICIPATED EXTRA BUDGETARY RESOURCES.

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4. HUNGARIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT WHO PUBLICATION PROGRAM BE REVIEWED TO SEE WHICH PUBLICATIONS OR TYPE OF PUBLICATIONS ARE LEAST SUCCESSFUL WITH IDEA OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION OR SHIFT IN EMPHASIS. WHO PUBLICATIONS STRONGLY DEFENDED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING PARTICULARLY UK WHILE NEW ZEALAND, AGREEING TO HIGH QUALITY OF PUBLICATIONS, FELT THAT SINCE LAST REVIEW OF THIS PROGRAM HAD BEEN IN 1960 A NEW EXAMINATION MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. BASSIN

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